

**A METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PROVIDE A
HUMAN-USABLE INTERFACE TO
CONVERSATIONAL SUPPORT**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A conversation support framework supports long running human
interactions with conversation-enabled applications installed at remote
locations. The conversation support may be provided for a user's personal
computer (PC) or personal digital assistant (PDA), either as a "thick" or "thin"
client implementation. The framework includes conversation support
10 communicating with a browser installed on the user PC or PDA to support the
user's side of a conversation with the conversation-enabled applications.
Presentation support communicates with the browser to show the user a state
of the conversation and options for selection by the user. The user selects an
available option and fills in message content that conforms with the
15 conversation policy in use by the conversation-enabled applications.